Promotion of technicians of the Panki Thermal Power Station, Kanpur

861. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1583 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1985 and state:

(a) whether most of the technicians amongst those who had successfully cleared the examination held in 1977 have not yet been promoted to the post of Junior Engineers in the Panki Thermal Power Station, Kanpur;

(b) whether they were again required to appear in a similar examination held in November, 1985;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the second examination held in November, 1985 when they had earlier cleared the same in 1977;

(d) the names of the technicians working in the Panki Thermal Power Station, Kanpur who had cleared the examination of 1977 and are yet to be promoted to the post of Junior Engineers; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to promote them without any further delay?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Award of contract by NLC

862. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation Limited, Durgapur had participated in a tender floated by the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Tamil Nadu for the supply of conveyor and other ancillary items thereto;

(b) whether the MAMC could not furnish an undertaking from their collaborators as a result of which the company was not awarded the contract by another public sector undertaking as above named;

(c) whether any investigation has been made to ascertain the reasons for the failure of the MAMC to submit an undertaking to the NLC and to get the contract;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what further steps are being taken to ensure that the MAMC gets maximum orders from the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. In addition the prices quoted by Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation were higher than those quoted by their competitor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Like other public enterprises, MAMC is given purchase as well as price preference within limits by Neyveli Lignite Corporation provided that MAMC is able to comply with other conditions of the tenders.

Commemorative stamps

863. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of commemorative stamps issued in the memory of Christians at the national level since India became a Republic;

(b) whether Government are aware of the widespread Resentment among Christian minorities that their leaders who have served the Nation in different capacities have been let down by his Ministry in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons that the demand for a commemorative stamp in memory of Prof. Rutnaswamy though made in time for the first